

10-545
CG

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No.661X)
July 13, 2007

ABANDONMENT TYPE

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) RECOMMEND REMOVAL OF SECTION 106 CONDITION

SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on September 27, 2005 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. One of the conditions stated the following:

In the event CSXT is unable to lease or sell the rail line for continued rail use and decides to salvage the line, prior to salvaging the rail line, CSXT shall reinitiate the Section 106 process and shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all sites and structures on the right-of-way that are eligible for listing or listed on the National Register of Historic Places until completion of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C.470 f.

Comments on the EA

Since the EA for this proceeding was served, CSXT has been consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer in West Virginia (SHPO) regarding its interest in completing the Section 106 process including documentation of any structures or sites along the line. In response, the SHPO requested that CSXT provide the following documentation in order to mitigate any potential impacts to two National Register of Historic Places (National Register) eligible historic bridges identified along the line:

- West Virginia Historic Property Inventory Forms
- Topographic maps and UTM locator at bridge location
- Black and white photographs of each bridge on archival paper
- Compact disk of photographs

CSXT provided the above materials to the SHPO on June 7, 2007 with copies to SEA (see attached). In a follow-up letter to CSXT, the SHPO stated that the proposed abandonment will have **No Adverse Effect** to the CSXT Transportation rail-line between Jarrolds Valley Junction and end of the track near Clear Creek in Raleigh County (see attached).

Conclusions

Based on the above information, SEA has determined that the Section 106 process has been completed in this proceeding and recommends that the Section 106 condition currently attached to the decision be removed. SEA request that the remaining condition regarding CSXT consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers remain.

SEA believes that if the above recommendations are made, the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

SEA CONTACT: Catherine L. Glidden (202) 245-0293



Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

EI-2977
CG

500 Water Street - J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Tel. (904) 359-1088
Fax (904) 359-1111
E-Mail: Dave_Geraci@CSX.com

June 7, 2007

Addendum To Historic
Report

Ms. Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
West Virginia Department of Culture & History
The Cultural Center
1900 Kanawha Blvd, East
Charleston, WV 25305-0300

RE: CSXT Abandonment in Raleigh County, WV
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 661X)
FR# 05-1223-RG-2

Dear Ms. Pierce:

I received your letter dated April 24, 2007 regarding the above referenced abandonment. After speaking to Ms. Ginger Williford, I have attached the following in order to mitigate the current Section 106 condition that has been imposed by the Surface Transportation Board by decision dated October 21, 2005:

- West Virginia Historic Property Inventory Forms
- Topographic maps with the UTM locator at bridge location
- Black and white photographs of each bridge on archival paper
- Compact Disk of photographs

As further information, an on-site evaluation has found that due to an administrative error, there is no bridge structure at milepost CLP 0.20. Therefore, the information provided is for the remaining two bridges: Bridge No. 25 at Milepost CLP 2.50 and Bridge No. 33 at Milepost CLP 3.30.

Based on the information provided, I would appreciate a letter stating that the Historic Conditions have been met.

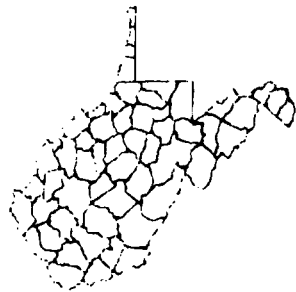
Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Attachments

Copy:

STB - SEA, 395 East Street, Washington, DC 20423 (w/o attachments)
Mr. Steve Armbrust, 500 Water Street - J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (w/o attachments)



Internal Rating: _____

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address CSXT Railroad Milepost CLP 3.30	Common/Historic Name/Both <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> </div> Bridge Number 33	Field Survey #	Site # (SHPO Only)
Town or Community East of Rock House	County Raleigh	Negative No.	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder Chesapeake & Ohio Railway	Date of Construction 1905	Style Deck Plate Girder Bridge with Timber Top and no ballast	
Exterior Siding/Materials Not applicable	Roofing Material Not applicable	Foundation Bridge abutments are concrete	
Property Use or Function Residence <input type="radio"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/>	UTM# UTM 17 456413E 4200762N (NAD27)	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date	Quadrangle Name Dorothy		
	Part of What Survey/FR#		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map



Site No.

N

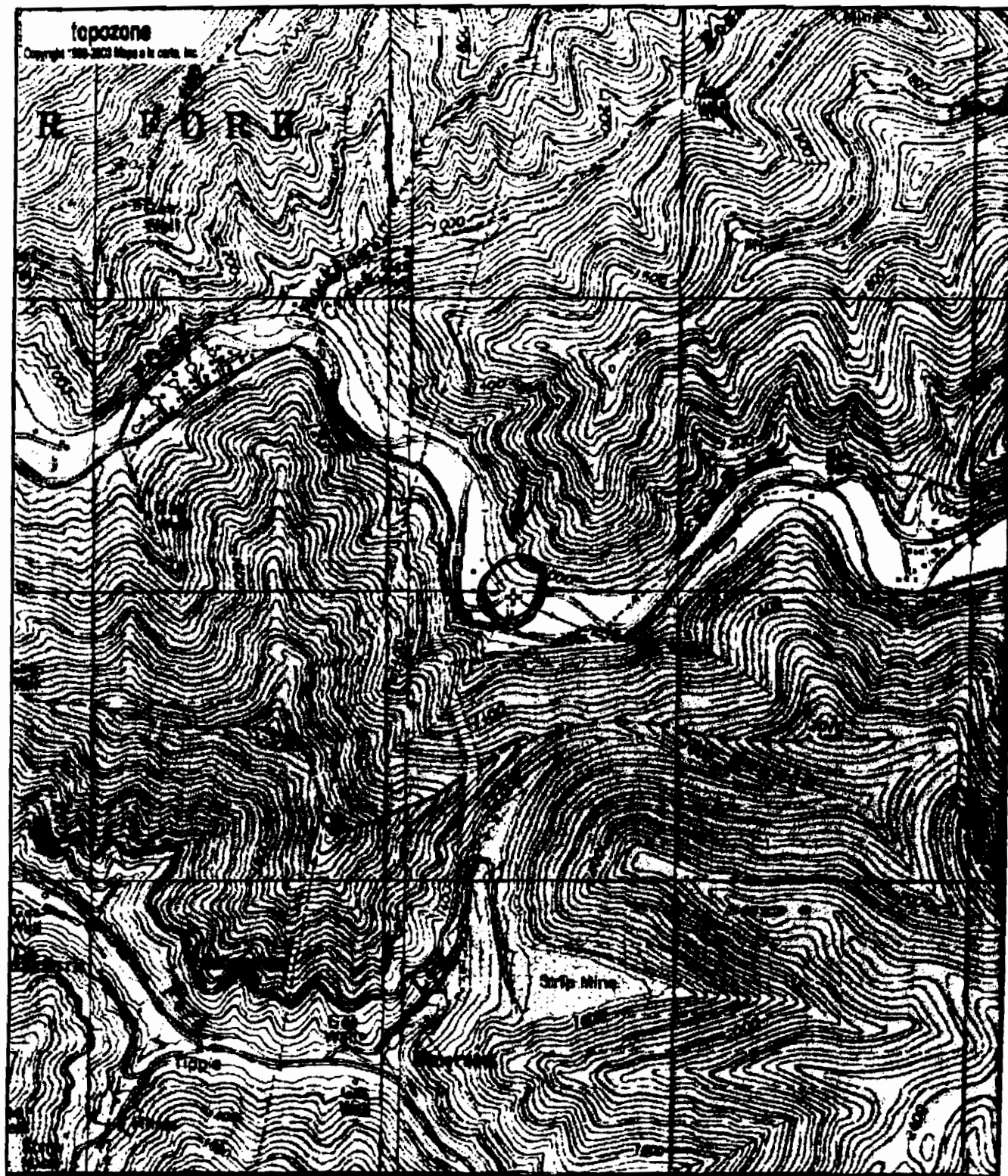


Present Owners CSX Transportation Attention: Network Rationalization Phone # (904) 359-1086	Owners Mailing Address 500 Water Street - J200 Jacksonville, FL 32202
Describe Setting The right of way widths along this line vary between 20 and 120 feet from the center-line of track. The rail line traverses many small communities, rivers and streams. It closely parallels the Clear Fork River and is located in a mountainous, forested area that contains several strip mines and mine dumps. <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> _____ Acres <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Artifacts Present </div>	
Description of Building or Site (Original and Present) _____ Stories _____ Front Bays This structure is a 136 foot single track railroad bridge that traverses Clear Fork (waterway). <div style="text-align: right;">(Use Continuation Sheets)</div>	
Alterations <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If yes, describe Minor alterations and repairs have been made to this structure over its existence to keep the structure safe and operational.	
Additions <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No If yes, describe	
Describe All Outbuildings Not applicable <div style="text-align: right;">(Use Continuation Sheets)</div>	
Statement of Significance This structure was found to have historical significance by the State Preservation Officer of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History under Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places. <div style="text-align: right;">(Use Continuation Sheets)</div>	
Bibliographical References Not applicable <div style="text-align: right;">(Use Continuation Sheets)</div>	
Form Prepared By: _____ Date: June 5, 2007 Name/Organization: Dave Geraci, Manager - CSXT Network Rationalization Address: 500 Water Street - J200 Jacksonville, FL 32202 Phone #: (904) 359-1986	



West Virginia Division of Culture and History
State Historic Preservation Office

This program receives federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U. S. Department of the Interior prohibit unlawful discrimination in department Federally Assisted Programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility operated by a recipient of Federal Assistance should write to: Director, Equal Opportunity Program, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.



0 0.3 0.6 0.9 1.2 1.5 km
0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1 mi

UTM 17 456413E 4200762N (NAD27)
USGS Dorothy (WV) Quadrangle
Projection is UTM Zone 17 NAD83 Datum

Bridge Location

MPS
M=-7.272
G=-0.305



Internal Rating: _____

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address CSXT Railroad Milepost CLP 2.50	Common/Historic Name/Both <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> </div> Bridge Number 25	Field Survey #	Site # (SHPO Only)
Town or Community East of Rock House	County Raleigh	Negative No.	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder Chesapeake & Ohio Railway	Date of Construction 1905	Style Deck Plate Girder Bridge with Timber Top and no ballast	
Exterior Siding/Materials Not applicable	Roofing Material Not applicable	Foundation Bridge abutments are concrete	
Property Use or Function Residence <input type="radio"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/>	UTM# UTM 17 455737E 4201712N (NAD27)	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date	Quadrangle Name Whitesville		
	Part of What Survey/FR#		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map



Site No.

N





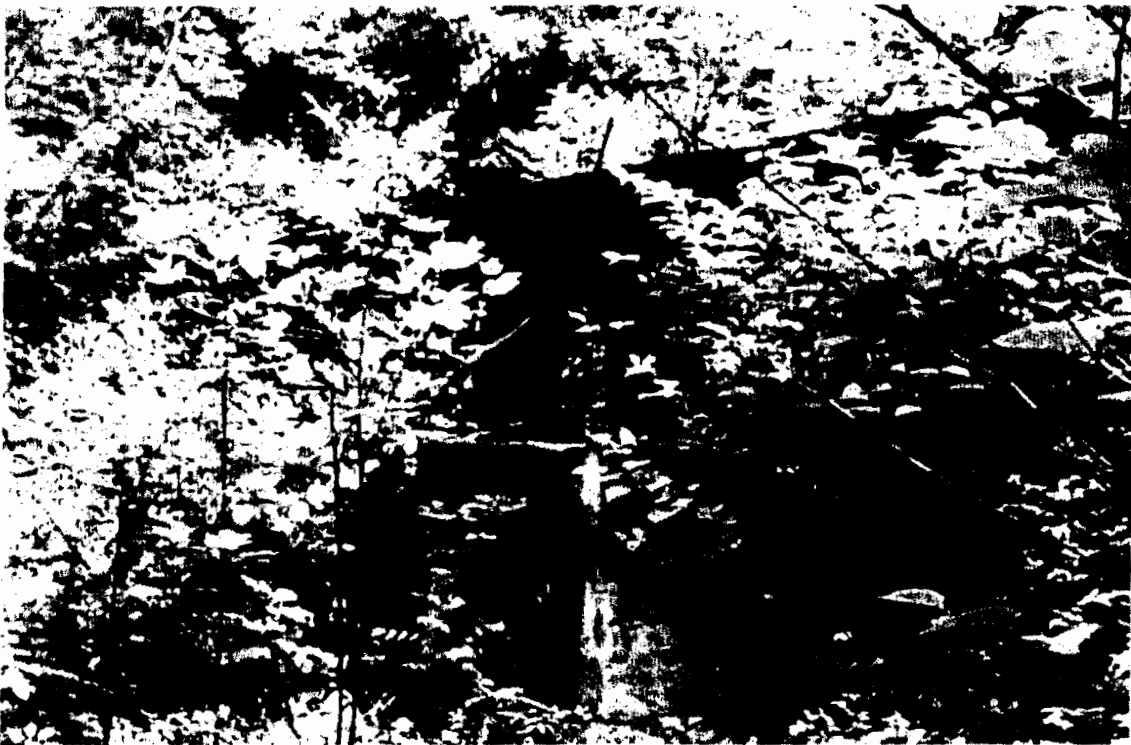
CSXT Jarolds Valley

Bridge 33

AB 55 Sub No 661 X

6/4/07

A. Arthur



CSXT Jarrolds Valley
Bridge 25

AB 55 Sub No 661X

6/4/07

A. Arthur



CSXT Jarrolds Valley
Bridge 25

AB 55 SUB No 661X

6/4/07

A. Arthur

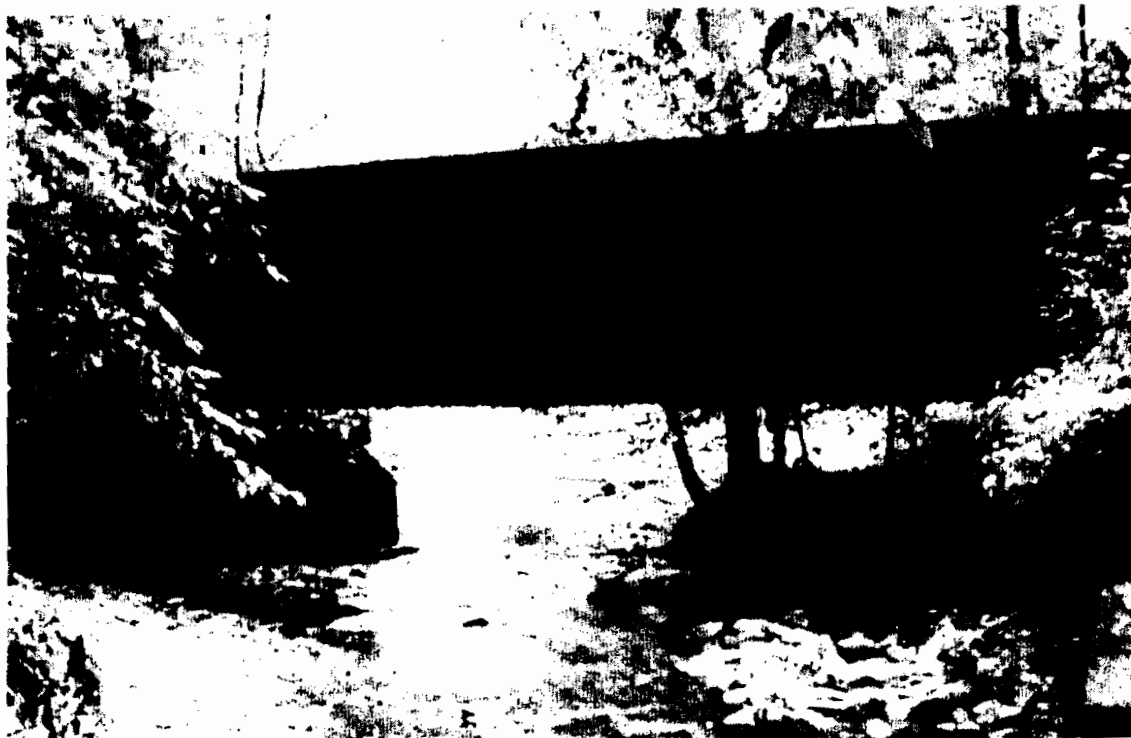


CSXT Jarrolds Valley
Bridge 25

AB55 Sub No 661X

6/4/07

A. Arthur



CSXT Jerrolds Valley
Bridge 25

AB55 Sub 661X

6/4/07
A. Arthur



CSXT Jarrolds Valley

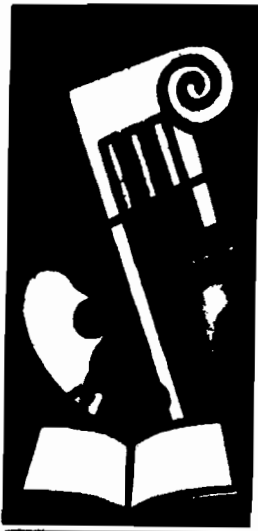
Bridge 33

AB 55 Sub No 661 X

6/4/07

A. Arthur





**WEST VIRGINIA
DIVISION OF
CULTURE & HISTORY**

The Cultural Center
1900 Kanawha Blvd., E.
Charleston, WV
25305-0300

Phone 304.558.0220
Fax 304.558.2779
TDD 304.558.3562
www.wvculture.org

EEO/AA Employer

June 22, 2007

EI-3016
Ct

Mr. Dave Geraci
CSX Transportation Inc.
500 Water Street - J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Docket AB-55 (Sub No. 661X)
FR#: 05-1223-RG-3

Dear Mr. Geraci:

We have reviewed the information for the above referenced project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Thank you for bringing to our attention the administrative error concerning the bridge structure at milepost CLP 0.20. This completes the information requested in our letters dated August 26, 2005 and April 24, 2007, has been provided. Based on this information it is our opinion that the abandonment will have No Adverse Effect to the CSX Transportation rail-line between Jarrolds Valley Junction and end of track near Clear Creek in Raleigh County which is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ginger Williford, Structural Historian, in the Historic Preservation Office at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SMP/GW